

What is claimed is:

1. A method for submitting a trading command in an electronic trading system, comprising:
  - receiving a submission of a bid, offer, buy, or sell command from a trader;
  - 5 automatically repositioning a pointing device pointer to be positioned over a button in an interactive trading interface corresponding to the bid, offer, buy, or sell command;
  - receiving a selection of the button from
  - 10 the trader to confirm the submission; and
  - submitting the bid, offer, buy, or sell command in response to the selection of the button by the trader.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
  - displaying current bid and offer data;
  - and
  - 5 receiving a selection of a piece of the bid and offer data as the submission of a bid, offer, buy, or sell command.
3. The method of claim 2, further comprising coloring the piece of the bid and offer data.
4. The method of claim 2, further comprising submitting a bid command as the bid, offer, buy, or sell command when the trader selects a bid price as the piece of the bid and offer data.
5. The method of claim 2, further comprising submitting an offer command as the bid,

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offer, buy, or sell command when the trader selects an offer price as the piece of the bid and offer data.

6. The method of claim 2, further comprising submitting a buy command as the bid, offer, buy, or sell command when the trader selects an offer size as the piece of the bid and offer data.

7. The method of claim 2, further comprising submitting a sell command as the bid, offer, buy, or sell command when the trader selects a bid size as the piece of the bid and offer data.

8. The method of claim 2, wherein the current bid and offer data is displayed in a market cell.

9. The method of claim 2, wherein the current bid and offer data is displayed in a spread sheet.

10. The method of claim 2, wherein the current bid and offer data is displayed in a data window.

11. The method of claim 2, wherein the current bid and offer data is displayed in an entry window.

12. The method of claim 2, wherein the current bid and offer data is displayed in a web page.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein the submission of the bid, offer, buy, or sell command is

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received as a keyboard entry of the bid, offer, buy, or sell command.

14. The method of claim 1, further comprising automatically displaying the interactive trading interface containing the button in response to the submission of the bid, offer, buy, or sell command.

15. The method of claim 1, wherein the pointing device pointer is repositioned to over a bid button in the interactive trading interface when the bid, offer, buy, or sell command is a bid command.

16. The method of claim 1, wherein the pointing device pointer is repositioned to over an offer button in the interactive trading interface when the bid, offer, buy, or sell command is an offer  
5 command.

17. The method of claim 1, wherein the pointing device pointer is repositioned to over a buy button in the interactive trading interface when the bid, offer, buy, or sell command is a buy command.

18. The method of claim 1, wherein the pointing device pointer is repositioned to over a sell button in the interactive trading interface when the bid, offer, buy, or sell command is a sell command.

19. A method for submitting a trading command in an electronic trading system, comprising:  
receiving a submission of a bid, offer, buy, or sell command from a trader via a first trading  
5 command entry interface;

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presenting a second interface to the trader that contains information relating to the bid, offer, buy, or sell command;

prompting the trader to confirm the  
10 submission of the bid, offer, buy, or sell command; and  
submitting the bid, offer, buy, or sell command in response to the trader confirming the submission.

20. The method of claim 19, further comprising:

displaying current bid and offer data in  
the first trading command entry interface; and  
5 receiving a selection of a piece of the bid and offer data as the submission of a bid, offer, buy, or sell command via the first trading command entry interface.

21. The method of claim 20, further comprising coloring the piece of the bid and offer data in the first trading command entry interface.

22. The method of claim 20, further comprising submitting a bid command as the bid, offer, buy, or sell command when the trader selects a bid price as the piece of the bid and offer data.

23. The method of claim 20, further comprising submitting an offer command as the bid, offer, buy, or sell command when the trader selects an offer price as the piece of the bid and offer data.

24. The method of claim 20, further comprising submitting a buy command as the bid, offer,

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25. The method of claim 20, further comprising submitting a sell command as the bid, offer, buy, or sell command when the trader selects a bid size as the piece of the bid and offer data.

27. The method of claim 20, wherein the first trading command entry interface is a spread sheet.

29. The method of claim 20, wherein the first trading command entry interface is an entry window.

31. The method of claim 19, wherein the submission of the bid, offer, buy, or sell command is received as a keyboard entry of the bid, offer, buy, or sell command and wherein the first trade command entry interface is a command line interface.

32. The method of claim 19, further comprising automatically displaying the second

33. A method for receiving a trading command, comprising:

5                   presenting an interactive data display  
that has an appearance substantially similar to the  
tradable item data display; and

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10 offer, buy, or sell command.
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35. The method of claim 33, wherein the tradable item data display is a spread sheet.

36. The method of claim 33, wherein the tradable item data display is a web page.